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SENATOR CUDABACK PRESIDING

SENATOR CUDABACK: Good morning and welcome to the George W. Norris Legislative Chamber. Our chaplain of the day this morning is Reverend Norman Nelson, St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Pender, Nebraska, and that is Senator Connealy's district.

REVEREND NELSON: (Prayer offered.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Reverend Nelson, for being with us. We appreciate it. I call the fifty-second day of the Ninety-Seventh Legislature, Second Session, to order. Senators, please check in. Record, please, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: I have a quorum present, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Any corrections for the Journal?

CLERK: I have no corrections, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Any messages, reports, or announcements?

CLERK: Mr. President, report of registered lobbyists for this week to be inserted in the Journal, a series of reports received from the Auditor of Public Accounts, Legislative Retirement Committee. Those will be on file in the Clerk's office. An Attorney General's Opinion addressed to Senator Aguilar (Re. LB 1246). That's all that I have at this time, Mr. President. (Legislative Journal pages 1461-1469.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. We'll move on to General File, appropriation bill, LB 687A. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 687A is a bill by Senator Stuhr. (Read title.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Stuhr, you're recognized to open on LB 687A.

SENATOR STUHR: Thank you, Mr. President, and members of the body. You will note that the total cost for the first year is